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VIOLET BANK

Petersburg, Dinwiddie County, Virginia

Colonial Houses CHS (1944)

Date of erection: c. 1800Present condition: FairDescription:

Violet Bank belongs to a group of houses, built at the turn of the century, which have polygonal pavilions or bays at the ends of the facade. Against the recess the pavilions create, the porch is built. A near neighbor of the type is Oak Hill, and in Richmond is the Caskie house and in Lynchburg, Point of Honor.

Violet Bank, like Oak Hill, is one-story high, of frame and covered by a hipped roof. The central feature of the facade is a doorway with arched transom and sidelights. There is one tall window of nine-over-nine lights in each face of the bays. The porch itself has reeded Doric columns with curious pseudo-tri-glyphs in the frieze.

In plan there is a central hall with one large room at both sides. These have mottled grey and white marble mantels of Classic design, probably imported from Philadelphia. There are richly ornamented plaster cornices and friezes, and elaborate medallions in the center of the ceilings.

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